

## Sisters' S. C. E.

### FROM THE PRESIDENT.

At my last writing I was at Listie. There I found the S. S. C. E., in a flourishing condition. I remained with them over Sunday, and received from them much encouragement, and liberal financial aid. I made my home at sister Margaret Trent's and missed very much the face of Brother Trent, who since my visit to Listie last April has passed from this world to the Infinite Beyond, to meet his reward. In my travels I find here a missing face, and there a missing face, and we are made to look forward, anticipatingly, to a glad and happy time of glad reunion "over there;" and we cannot but repeat the beautiful parting prayer of Gen. Clinton B. Fisk, "So may He keep us and strengthen us, and guide us all, no wanderer lost, the list all unbroken, to sing the song of redemption through Jesus Christ in the land where there shall be no sickness, nor sorrow, nor death, nor tears for God's own hand shall wipe all tears away."

My next point was Johnstown. There I found Brother Haskins just ready to enter upon protracted work. The church in all its departments is in good condition, and the meeting opened up very promisingly. I remained with them three nights, and saw two precious young hearts turn their faces toward Him who is not only able, but willing and anxious to save. I left them on Thursday rather reluctantly, for "it was good to be there," and I gladly would have remained, but duty called elsewhere.

From Johnstown I went to the Pike church, where on Thursday night I talked to a full house, on the subject of the S. S. C. E. On Friday we had snow, storm, and extreme cold. As a consequence our congregation was not so large that night, though larger than we had dared to hope. Many of our sisters were not present, and though we effected an organization, it was much smaller than we had hoped to organize. It numbered only twelve, but to this number we hope many others will be added.

On Saturday we were taken to the Fairview church at Vinco. The weather was extremely cold, the roads very much drifted, so that at one place we had to take down fences and drive through the field. We had a fair congregation that night, better still on Sunday morning and quite good on Sunday night. Here we organized an S. S. C. E. of twenty-four members with sister Matilda Singer as president. I feel quite hopeful for this society, and believe it will do good work.

On Monday I went to Conemaugh, and held one service for them, receiving some financial aid. From there I came to Altoona, and am to-day pleasantly situated at the home of brother D. E. Furry. My next stopping place will be McKees, a new point for me. There I hope to interest them in the S. S. C. E., and organize a society. The work is growing, slowly but surely, and though some of the churches are not yet ready to fall into line, we trust they will be in the near future. We hope our pastors will put forth prayerful efforts to develop a missionary spirit in their churches; then the Aid Societies will gladly become Christian Endeavor Societies, cheerfully giving a part of their earnings to the general treasury for mission purposes. O, that our hearts were filled more and more with love for souls, then would many a dollar now spent for worldly amusements, table luxuries, and bodily adornment, be given for the spread of the Gospel. Then would many an hour now spent in light, trashy reading, in idle gossip, or in hair-curling be spent in the study of God's word that we might know more of His will concerning us, and in prayer for precious blood bought souls, that they might turn from darkness unto that light that shineth from heaven, to illumine the dark places. O, for more consecration to Christ! O, for more of Christ in our hearts? O, for more of the Christ life in our souls! O, for more of the Spirit of Christ in our daily lives! Then would we be helping to answer our prayer, "Thy Kingdom come."

LAURA E. N. GROSSNICKLE.

### FROM LANARK, ILL.

As our Sisters' Society has not been reported for some time, and fearing that our National President would think that we had died or frozen out, we thought it wise to write, and give a sketch of some of our work done in the past. We meet on Wednesday afternoon of each week, with a good attendance. We earn the most of our money with the needle, so you see we believe in working. Jesus said, "Work while it is day, for the night cometh when no one can work." We have remembered the poor. About a year ago we sent a box of goods, mostly clothing, to a family in Iowa. What they could not use they were to give to others who were in need. We valued the box at \$45, and among other things we made a comforter and gave it to one of our poor sisters.

Lately we have been working for the new church. The society bought two-hundred and thirty-five yards of carpet, also the pulpit chairs. Now I am going to tell you we have another sewing society

of the little folks called the "Junior Star." They meet once in two weeks on Saturday afternoon. We know it will be a success, under the care of sister Emma Lichty. They bought the Bible, and also a nice stand for the new church. Now I believe we all can do something for the cause of Christ, and the up-building of his kingdom.

Sometimes we think we can only do such a little, or give a little, that we conclude not to do either, but God cares not so much about what we do or give, as about the heart, for by the heart God judges all acts, our gifts and services are all weighed in that balance, judged by that standard. When the widow dropped in her two mites, the Lord was watching to see how the donors contributed. He cared little for what they gave, for if there be just a willing heart, it is accepted according to what we have. So marking the spring of their action, he saw her heart given as well as her mites, and he commended the gift. Now hoping that we may all feel encouraged, and build up spiritually, and work more for our Master, in the year before us than we did in the one past and gone, I remain yours, in the work,

MOLLIE SWORD, Treas.

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### FROM MAPLE GROVE.

Our S. S. C. E. is doing nicely, although there have not man yof us, but we are increasing in numbers as well as spiritually. We think it is a good Auxiliary to the church, both spiritually and financially. At our work meetings we have our devotional services which is the best part of the work, working for Christ. Our S. S. C. E. have done quite a good work in sewing and other work besides the work they have done on the church quilt, but the quilt is not near completed yet.

We deeply mourn the loss of our dear sister Mattie Schwitzer who departed this life Dec. 23, 1895. She was one of our most able members. But what is our loss is her eternal gain.

We have our Endeavor meeting every two weeks, on Sunday evening. The Secretary calls the roll and the members respond by reading something from the Bible or a short talk. These meetings are growing in interest and we think them very beneficial. We pray God's richest blessings rest upon the S. S. C. E. every where in this grand work for the Master. In all of our work let us work for the "Saving of Souls."

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